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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN FRACTIONALLY FROM LAST YEAR

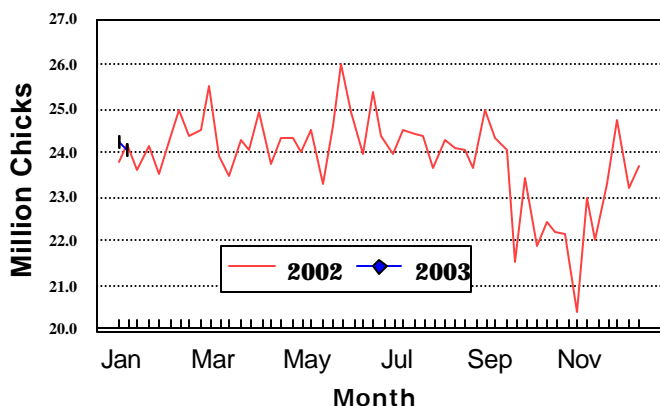
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending January 11, 2003. Placements were down fractionally from the comparable week in 2002, and 1 percent below the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2002 through January 11, 2003 were 48.3 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

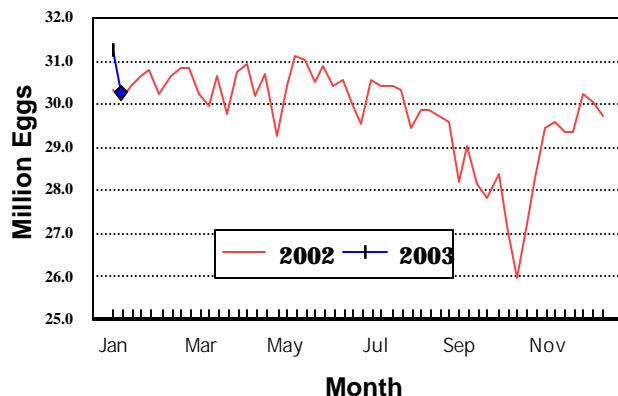
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 11, 2003, up slightly from the same period last year, but down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change	2001-	2002-2003	% Change	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Dec. 7	24,937	23,291	93	25,189	24,209	96	30,081	29,336	98
Dec. 14	24,756	24,762	100	25,240	24,415	97	30,701	30,240	99
Dec. 21	26,129	23,254	89	25,714	24,244	94	30,830	30,054	97
Dec. 28	23,849	23,721	99	24,677	24,193	98	30,596	29,685	97
Jan. 4	23,827	24,244	102	25,194	24,836	99	30,326	31,253	103
Jan. 11	24,183	24,081	100	25,342	24,771	98	30,121	30,267	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002-2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan		07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	
Alabama	27,405 *	27,841 *	28,789 *	27,934	97	20,953	21,362	21,620	21,517 *	21,322 *	21,069	95
ARKANSAS	30,054	29,685	31,253	30,267	100	23,291	24,762	23,254	23,721	24,244	24,081	100
Delaware	3,399	3,450	3,602	3,379	98	5,392	5,115	5,313	4,454	4,908	5,354	109
Florida	1,572	1,564	1,562	1,572	70	2,091	1,696	1,754	1,607	1,557	1,502	64
Georgia	29,920 *	30,767	30,896	30,657	96	25,182	24,818	24,836	24,543	24,579	24,299	94
Kentucky	6,563 *	6,096	6,172	6,517	97	5,443	5,390	5,186	5,314	5,466	5,392	98
Maryland	9,834	9,768	9,670	9,965	107	5,221	5,475	5,805	6,383	6,078	5,535	91
Mississippi	18,627	18,897	18,823	18,815	99	15,125	15,285	15,907	15,161	15,540	15,462	97
N. Carolina	17,772 *	17,743	18,590	18,287	102	13,614	14,344	14,273	13,978	14,491	14,309	94
Oklahoma	6,363	6,027	6,364	6,420	102	4,525	3,957	4,647	4,388	4,491	4,218	87
Pennsylvania	3,666	3,609 *	3,528	3,628	101	2,388	2,625	2,548	2,525 *	2,581	2,621	96
S. Carolina	4,868	4,863	4,729	4,756	101	3,440	3,225	3,831	3,939	4,105	3,589	92
Texas	14,759	14,890	14,559	14,709	98	11,710	12,083	11,821	11,729	11,914	11,636	97
Virginia	6,226	6,294	6,355	6,357	101	4,861	5,221	5,901	5,444	5,337	5,161	91
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,039	19,178 *	19,589 *	19,656	102	18,764 *	17,540 *	18,005 *	17,321 *	18,213 *	17,859	100
Total 2002	200,067 *	200,672 *	204,481 *	202,919		162,000 *	162,898 *	164,701 *	162,024 *	164,826 *	162,087	
Total 2001	208,836	207,192	206,952	204,606		167,382	166,079	170,266	166,034	169,020	168,883	
% Prev. Year	96	97	99	99		97	98	97	98	98	96	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						25-Jan	01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	01-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending January 11, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2003. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2002. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 11, 2003 were 327 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.